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 2. WE REPEATEDLY HAVE MADE KNOWN TO UNAMIR FORCE

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COMMANDER TOUSIGNANT AND SRSR AMBASSADOR KHAN OUR ADMIRATION FOR THE ETHIOPIAN BATTALION'S WORK IN CYANGUGU PREFECTURE (UNAMIR ZONE 4C) AND OUR CONCERN AS TO THE EFFECT OF THEIR PRECIPITATE WITHDRAWAL ON THE TENUOUS SECURITY OF THAT BORDER AREA. BOTH AGREED WITH OUR POINTS BUT RAISED THE DIFFICULTY OF SHARING THE BURDEN OF DRAWDOWN AMONG MAJOR CONTINGENTS. ONE ELEMENT IN THE DRAWDOWN EQUATION WAS GENERAL TOUSIGNANT'S DETERMINATION TO KEEP THE INDIAN BATTALION INTACT AS A SECURITY FORCE IN KIGALI.

2. IN A BRIEFING TO AMBASSADOR BOGOSIAN JULY 8, SRSR KHAN GAVE A RUN THROUGH OF THE OPTIONS (INCLUDING THE IDEA OF ASKING RWANDANS TO AGREE TO KEEPING ETHIOPIANS HERE AS A RESERVE BATTALION) BUT CONCLUDED THAT THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE UNDER MANDATED TROOP LEVELS WAS TO OFFER THE ETHIOPIANS ANOTHER COMPANY, IF GHANA WERE NOT ABLE TO FIELD TWO, AN OPTION WHICH MIGHT COME TO FRUITION. RAWSON

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